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REF: A) STATE 262898; B) ROME 15455

1. CHARGE' CALLED NOVEMBER 7 ON MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO TO DISCUSS POINTS RAISED REF (A):

(A) FINANCIAL EXPERTS' VISIT: MIGLIUOLO PROPOSED THAT ITALIAN DELEGATION COMPOSED OF ENEL REPS PROF. VAL TORTA AND CENTRAL DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION TARDINI, BANK OF ITALY NEW YORK OFFICE CHIEF LOVATO, CHIEF US-BASED IMI REP MEET WITH DEPARTMENT AND EXIM BANK OFFICIALS AS PLANNED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14. ITALY-BASED OFFICIALS WOULD ARRIVE NOVEMBER 13.
(B) NEXT EWG MEETING: MIGLIUOLO PROMISED TO MAKE FIRM PROPOSAL ON DATE AND FORMAT FOR NEXT EWG MEETING FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 12 INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING ON EWG MATTERS. HE
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STATED THAT HE WOULD LOBBY IN FAVOR OF MEETING NOVEMBER 18

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IN PARIS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL, BUT FORESAW POTENTIAL
DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN SECURING CONSENT OF OTHER MINISTRIES.
IN THIS CONNECTION, MIGLIUOLO NOTED UNDERCURRENT OF DIS-
SATISFACTION WITH APPARENT SLOW PACE OF EWG MATTERS AMONG
OTHER MINISTRIES AND MFA'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT FOR
EWG PROCESS. IF NOVEMBER 18 MEETING NOT POSSIBLE, MIGLIUOLO
SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF FULL EWG
MEETING IN ROME SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 22. SINCE IEA/GB MEETING
WILL END ON NOVEMBER 21, STOP-OVER IN ROME BEFORE RETURNING
TO US MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. (COMMENT: MIGLIUOLO'S POINT ON
NEED TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT OF OTHER MINISTRIES IS WELL TAKEN.
IN THE PAST, MFA HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM IN ENERGY
MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE ABILITY TO MAKE COMMITMENTS IN
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SUCH AS IEA. HOWEVER, DOMESTICALLY-ORIENTED
MINISTRIES HAVE BEGUN TO SHOW GREATER INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL
MATTERS. SINCE THESE DOMESTIC MINISTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TEND TO BE LESS FORTHCOMING AND SYMPATHETIC
TO US INITIATIVES THAN MFA, IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO SUPPORT
MFA EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A LEADING POSITION IN FORMULATION
OF GOI ENERGY POLICY. REF (A) UNCLEAR ON COMPOSITION ITALIAN
REPRESENTATION TO PROPOSED NOVEMBER 18 MEETING; IS ONLY
MIGLIUOLO INVITED OR DOES INVITATION EXTEND TO OTHER
POTENTIALLY-INTERESTED GOI REPS?)
(C) HIGH-LEVEL FINANCIAL DELEGATION: DUE TO INABILITY OF
TREASURY DIRECTOR GENERAL PALUMBO TO ATTEND MEETING IN LATE
NOVEMBER, MIGLIUOLO SUGGESTED THAT HIGH-LEVEL FINANCIAL
DELEGATION VISIT BE POSTPONED TO ABOUT DECEMBER 3-4.

2. RE GOI COMMENTS TO USG INITIATIVES REQUESTED PARA 3
REF A, MIGLIUOLO INDICATED THAT FORMAL RESPONSES WERE BEING
PREPARED.

3. MIGLIUOLO NOTED HE DID NOT INTEND GO OVER SEPTEMBER 23,
1975 "PROGRESS REPORT ON ITALIAN-US ENERGY WORKING GROUP
ACTIVITIES" WITH FINE TOOTH COMB SINCE IT BASICALLY
ACCURATE. HOWEVER, HE ASKED THAT USG NOTE THAT GOIHDESIRES
TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN US POLICY FORMATION IN
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AREA NOT ONLY TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY BUT
ALSO TO PROVIDE "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
THEIR NEEDS AND DESIRES FOR TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY
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REFLECTED IN ULTIMATELY-AGREED ON LEGISLATION. (SEE SPECIFICALLY,
P.3, II,2 -INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT.) THIS, ACCORDING
TO MIGLIUOLO, WAS MAJOR THRUST OF ITALIAN PRESENTATION, AND
REPRESENTS A CONSIDERABLY MORE DYNAMIC PROCESS THAN IMPLIED
IN THE PROGRESS REPORT."CALINGAERT UNQTE KISSINGER

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